

To: NSW Government

From: Maddy Adams

Date: 2/12/25

Subject: Opposing the proposed Narrabri Gas Project lateral pipeline.

Dear NSW Government,

I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed Narrabri Gas Project lateral pipeline. I have significant concerns about the pipeline's potential negative impacts on water, the community, the environment, local farms and Gomeroi cultural heritage.

Firstly, my main concern is the potential, irreversible damage that the project poses to underground water resources. This pipeline, if it proceeds, will cut right under Bohena Creek and across six other major creeks. The potential for contamination of groundwater aquifers is unacceptable and cannot simply be 'fixed' if it occurs. To me this risk is too serious to take, our precious groundwater should not be risked in this way. Most local farms rely completely on fresh, clean underground water to run successful businesses, so the potential impact to those farms and farmers is catastrophic. Furthermore, the handling of waste water, which is often highly concentrated and difficult to dispose of safely, could lead to serious contamination of surface water systems, such as dams, and make local water sources undrinkable. Again, this to me is unacceptable and not worth the risk. There are many examples of contamination occurring in local water supplies where coal seam gas projects exist.

Secondly, the proposed pipeline route would have a negative impact on local, fertile agricultural land, which is vital for our region's food production. The project cuts through productive agricultural land which would reduce its productivity, reduce land value and threaten local food security.

Thirdly, I do not think that coal seam gas is a "clean" alternative to coal, and this project would lock us into a fossil fuel future instead of transitioning to sustainable, renewable energy sources. While the pipeline is not producing coal seam gas, it is enabling the gas to be transported, so I think it is an important point to make and consider, given that we should be trying to make our future cleaner.

Fourthly, the amount of land that is required to be cleared for the pipeline to be built is significant and would threaten many species that call the Pilliga home. For example, the Pilliga Mouse, Eastern pygmy possum, and Corben's Long-eared Bat.

Lastly, the negative impacts for the Gomeroi people, if this project were to proceed, would be devastating. The Pilliga is a place of deep spiritual, social and cultural significance for Gomeroi people and therefore I think should be protected. Construction of the pipeline will also wipe out

two known sites of significance and damage a further four sites. This is unacceptable, as they cannot ever be replaced.

Based on the serious and unresolved concerns regarding potential environmental damage, risks to water sources, threats to the agricultural industry and negative impacts to Gomeroi cultural heritage, I strongly urge you to reject the proposed Narrabri Gas Project lateral pipeline

Sincerely,
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